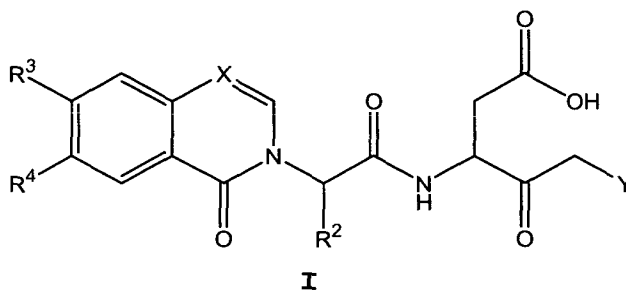


ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to compounds of formula **I**:



useful as inhibitors of caspases. The present invention also provides pharmaceutically acceptable compositions comprising said compounds, processes for preparing the compounds, and methods of using the compounds and compositions in the treatment of various diseases, conditions, or disorders.